

## **Application for Act 1 Working Group**

Thank you for your interest in this opportunity!

Act 1 is a Vermont law that brings together the members of the public from different ethnic and social backgrounds, state government agencies and the education community to help tackle bias, discrimination, and inequity in Vermont Schools. The goal is to help schools better support the needs of young people PreK-12th grade who are underrepresented or marginalized like:

- Women and girls
- People with disabilities
- Immigrants
- Refugees
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, or nonbinary
- Abenaki, people from other indigenous groups,
- People of African, Asian, Pacific Island, Chicanx, Latinx, or Middle Eastern descent

In order to put this monumental law into action, a statewide 20 person working group was formed in 2019 and three additional members have been added in 2021. This group will look at statewide educational standards, rules and policies that impact student academic performance used in public schools.

The heart of this Act 1 is about representation! And in support of the fullest integrity of Act 1, the Education Justice Coalition of Vermont in conjunction with the working group is currently accepting applications to fill 3 seats. This position term ends June 2023.

The EDJ Coalition will be accepting applications until all seats are filled. After your application is received, Members will contact the finalists for interviews, including references, and next steps.

You can find the meeting notes and upcoming meeting dates by going to the Agency of Education website. Or following this link: [Agency of Education | State of Vermont](#). Training and on-going support will be provided for appointees at no cost throughout the appointment. By law, the State of Vermont provides a stipend and mileage reimbursement for those traveling long distances to participate.

**All are encouraged to apply, the only prerequisite a passion for Vermont education.**

Questions can be sent to vtethnicstudies@gmail.com or by phone at: 520-333-8864

You can submit your answers by either filling out this form or in one of these following ways **(please choose one)**:

- Send a letter of intent to vtethnicstudies@gmail.com (limit 2-pages, double spaced)
- Record your answers and send a recording at: 520-333-8864
- Submit a video response: and e-mail it to vtethnicstudies@gmail.com

Additionally, we encourage you to please submit the contact information of two people who could speak to your commitment to your community.

Your application will not be published and all information is kept confidential.

\*If selected to the committee, youth will be required to submit written permission from a parent or guardian to participate.

View our Frequently Asked Questions here:

<http://ethnicstudiesvt.org/frequently-asked-questions-about-act-1/>